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Boy Scout Activity Guide

*Scout out what
Forsythe has to
offer!*



“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law” (Boy Scouts of America). At Forsythe we can help you in your endeavor to help these young men investigate their backyards and see why they are valuable.



Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge is a place where boys can explore, learn new things, and even develop an understanding of the world around them. Whether it is their first outdoor experience or a continuation of an already discovered love, a trip to the refuge is always an exciting experience because of the variety and abundance of life to explore. Each new season brings with it a new natural encounter; be it migrating birds, wildflowers, and so much more.

No matter what ages your scouts are there is something for them to see and do here. Feel free to suggest an activity if we don't list it here in our guide. If we can make something happen for your boys we will!

Leave No Trace



We can help you teach outdoor ethics through the Leave No Trace principles. Though easily learned, these skills will endure. Not only are your scouts being trained in outdoor safety, they are seeing that there is value in protecting the world around them.

Cub Scouts



Tiger Cub

Watch as your den explores some of the Cub Scouts 12 core values: citizenship, compassion, cooperation, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility. "Cub Scouting means doing"(BSA) and your scouts can do a lot here. Work toward your achievements in the wild!

Let's Go Outdoors (P. 62) D, G: Take a discovery hike with a naturalist and make some leaf rubbings.

Wolf



Your Living World (P. 74) D: Let us help you organize a clean-up with your scouts. Teach them the value of a litter-free planet!

Also Try:

- Birds Elective (P. 174)
- Outdoor Adventure Elective (P. 196)

Bear



Sharing Your World with Wildlife (P. 50) A, C-E: Join a naturalist on a hike to look for animals and their homes. Find out what a wildlife conservation officer does and even why animals become extinct.

Water and Soil Conservation Elective (P. 240) C-E: Take part in activities to see how soil and water conservation is good for wildlife.

What About?:

- Take Care of Your Planet Achievement (P. 56)
- Photography Elective (P. 222)

Webeles



Forester (P. 259) #1-4, 9
Hike with a naturalist and learn how to identify trees and shrubs. After seeing a slide show on forests in North America, we will create forest maps.

Naturalist (P. 317) #4, 6-9, 11
Take a hike and make stops along the wildlife drive to see a variety of animals in the forest and wetlands. We will learn through games, demonstrations, discussions, and observations.

Remember the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best!"

Boy Scouts



Tenderfoot

Second Class

First Class



Star Life Eagle



"Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. Being close to nature helps scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around them. The outdoors is a laboratory in which boys learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources" (BSA). Many things you'd want to do with your scouts can be done here. Let us help you, help them connect with the world around them!

Requirement #11: Identify poisonous plants.

Requirement #5: Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of wild animals.

Requirement #6: Identify at least 10 kinds of native plants.

Merit Badges

A refuge naturalist can help your scouts with the following:

- Bird Study
- Environmental Science
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Forestry
- Insect Study
- Mammal Study
- Nature
- Photography
- Plant Science
- Reptile and Amphibian Study
- Soil and Water Conservation

Just because you don't see an activity listed here, doesn't mean it can't be done at Forsythe! These are just activities we can help you with. Many others can be done on your own...

"Be Prepared!"

To sign-up for a program: Please call refuge headquarters at least two weeks in advance to schedule an activity. For reservations or more information, contact Art Webster.

